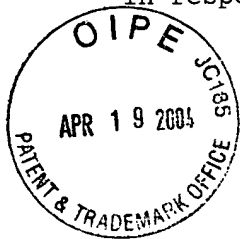


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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the November 17, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. With the extension, a response is due on or before April 19, 2004 (April 17, 2004 being a Saturday). A check

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in the amount of \$420.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.

Appendix A including substitute specification pages 71-73 is attached following page 35 of this paper.

The Declaration of John C. Lee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 is filed concurrently herewith.